

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Office Action dated June 22, 2007. In response to the issues raised, we offer the following submissions and amendments. Also enclosed are Terminal Disclaimers linking the term and ownership of any patent granted in the present application to that of US 6,672,709 and US 6,824,246.

Amendments

The claims have been amended such their respective scopes are no longer co-terminous with any of the claims in US 6,672,709 and US 6,824,246. Independent claims 1, 16 and 31 have recast the definition of the invention and the dependent claims have been amended or cancelled to align with the fresh definitions of the invention.

Likewise the Abstract has been amended to correspond with the amended claims.

Accordingly, the amendments do not add any new matter.

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Claims 1 – 44 stand rejected as having scopes of identical extent as the claims of US 6,672,709 and US 6,824,246. As discussed above, the amended claims have recast the definition of the invention such that the respective scopes of the present claims are not co-terminous with any of the claims granted in US 6,672,709 and US 6,824,246. Similarly, the enclosed Terminal Disclaimers prevents any unjustified extension of exclusive rights or harassment from multiple assignees.

Specification

At Page 1 of the specification, the Applicant has inserted a paragraph entitled "Cross-Reference to Related Applications". The Applicant submits that this amendment introduces no new matter.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been successfully traversed and the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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